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Re: Response to petition for rule making # RM-10620 from K8AD

I would like to add my opinion to the above-mentioned petition. I support this petition for the following reasons:

When I upgraded from General Class to Advanced Class back in the 70's as W8LTE, the only difference between the Advanced test and the Extra test was the 20wpm code test. Therefore, I passed the same written exam as I would have been given for upgrade to Extra Class. With the changes in code speed currently in effect, I have, in fact, passed the Extra Class license test but am only licenses as an Advanced Class operator.

Since the Advanced Class is no longer available and since I already have passed the Extra Class written test in effect at the time of my testing, I feel that I should be "upgraded" to Extra Class status.

Sincerely,

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